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Martinez, March 27. 1899.

My dear Mr Gilder. Muir

I shall be very glad to call on Mrs Footh the first time I'm in the city - & tell her the Berkshire Hill story with all its blessed - Gilders & Glaciers. This will be a job after my own heart. Sargent sent me word that you were writing a book on Brook farm glaciers. Send me the icy stanzas you have written. after striking out the semi-humor & making the semi serious whole. It must be a black shame for a poet to write disrespectfully of glaciers even bucolic or agricultural glaciers.

I thank you for your kind suggestions about "Recollections of a Naturalist". Possibly I may try something of the sort some of these days though my life on the whole has been level & uneventful & therefore hard

to make a book of that many
would read. I am not anxious to
tell what I have done but what
Nature has done an infinitely
more important story.

I look back to the Gilder days
with delight they were perfectly
charming. Remember me to Mrs
Gilder & those dear baby girls

Ever Yours

John Muir